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ACTING OAU ADMINSEC GEN ARTHUR ELPHAS OSANYA NYNEQUE

(KENYA), GAVE POL COUNSELOR FOLLOWING JAN. 30 IN REPLY QUESTION:

1. SIERRA LEONE'S RECOGNITION OF MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA CREATES SIMPLE MAJORITY OF OAU-MEMBER STATES RECOGNIZING THAT REGIME AS GOA.

2. SECRETARIAT WILL, THEREFORE, HAVE TO BE GUIDED BY ART. 28 OF THE OAU'S CHARTER (CF REFTEL FOR CONTRARY VIEW).

3. ADMIN SEC GEN WILL HAVE TO COMMUNICATE LATEST ACT OF RECOGNITION TO OAU MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, AS WAS CASE WITH PREVIOUS SUCH ACTS. IT WILL THEN HAVE NO RPT NO FURTHER ROLE.

4. MPLA REGIME HAD ALREADY TABLED REQUEST FOR ADMISSION DURING EXTRAORDINARY OAU/CM AND SUMMIT.

5. AT NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF OAU CM (IN ADDIS; FEBRUARY OR MARCH; DATE STILL OPEN) PROBLEM WILL "MOVE FROM CUHARTER TO CM'S RULES OF PROCEDURE." GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS OBTAINED MAJORITY RECOGNITION WILL SEND A DELEGATION.

6. A MEMBER WILL PROPOSE THE ADMISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA REPRESENTED BY THAT DELEGATION.

7. IF, AS ANTICIPATED, THERE IS OBJECTION MATTER BECOMES AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO BE DEBATED AND RULE 28 OF THE CM'S RULES OF PROCEDURE APPLIES. RULE 28 STATES THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS OF THE CM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY OF CM MEMBERS.

8. MEMBERS MAY THEN CHALLENGE APPLICABILITY THIS RULE AND REQUIRE VOTE BY 2/3RDS MAJORITY. HOWEVER, THIS NYNEQUE SAID, WOULD ITSELF BE A PROCEDURAL MATTER-SUBJECT TO RULE 28.
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